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Comrades,

Six years have elapsed since the Third Congress of the Korean Democratic Women's Union. During this period, a radical change has taken place in the work of the Women's Union and great progress has been made with the women's movement in our country.

Thanks to the wise leadership and meticulous care of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the entire Korean people and founder of the Korean Democratic Women's Union, our Women's Union has further strengthened and developed into a reliable helper of the Workers' Party of Korea, into a mass revolutionary organization of the women of the Republic. During the period under review, the Women's Union organizations have conducted creative activities in various fields to carry through the Party's lines and policies, and our women, as Red soldiers of the Party and full-fledged builders of socialism, have made a great contribution to the revolutionary struggle of our people and to the cause of socialist and communist construction. The great victories and brilliant achievements scored by our people in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work over the past years are attributable to the tireless struggle and noble efforts of our women.

The general situation in our country and the objective realities of revolutionary development at present call for the further strengthening and development of the Women's Union, the helper and transmission belt of the Party, and the further enhancement of its role.

The historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea held last year not only advanced the magnificent programme for the whole Korean revolution and socialist construction, but also detailed the programmatic tasks arising in the final solution of the women's question in our country. To struggle positively for the thorough implementation of the programmatic tasks set forth by the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea is the most important and honourable revolutionary task confronting the Korean Democratic Women's Union and all the women of our country at the present time.

The Fourth Congress of the Korean Democratic Women's Union has been convened under the grandiose circumstances in which all the people and women, upholding the great report made by the Leader at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, are effecting a revolutionary upsurge to carry through the tasks set forth in the report. This Congress will mark a new turning-point in the strengthening and development of the Korean Democratic Women's Union and in the development of the women's movement in our country, and will energetically inspire and encourage the entire women to the struggle for carrying out the militant tasks set by the Fifth Party Congress.

1. THE GREAT PROGRAMME OF WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION PUT FORTH BY COMRADE KIM IL SUNG, THE RESPECTED AND BELOVED LEADER, AT THE FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS AND THE TASKS OF THE WOMEN'S UNION IN ITS FULFILMENT

Comrades,

In his report to the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, summed up the brilliant victories and shining achievements our people had gained in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work under the revolutionary banner of the great *Juche* idea, and set forth a magnificent blueprint for the complete victory of socialism in our country and the nation-wide victory of the revolution.

In his report to the Fifth Party Congress, the Leader laid down a wise policy of further consolidating and developing our socialist system and evenly improving the living standards of all the people by keeping on the accelerated promotion of socialist economic and cultural construction and, at the same time, actively forwarding the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society. The Leader set the historic task of energetically promoting the technical revolution in all fields of the national economy to free the working people from arduous, labour-consuming work and, especially, to emancipate our women once and for all from the heavy burdens of household chores.

All these measures set forth by the Leader constitute a great programme for the triumphant advance of the women's movement and the final solution of the women's question in our country.

The women's question is an important social problem with a long historical origin and the women's movement forms a component of the social revolution. Without the perfect solution of the women's question there can be no smooth development of society nor can the successful building of a new society be ensured.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, has constantly directed deep attention to the solution of the women's question in the whole course of his revolutionary struggle over nearly half a century, and pointed to a clear-cut orientation and specific methods of struggle for the women's movement of our country in each stage of the development of the revolution. Thanks to the wise leadership and scrupulous care of the Leader, the women's movement of our country has traversed the road of brilliant victories and, a really marvellous, epoch-making change has taken place in the social status and life of our women.

In the past, the women of our country underwent two-fold and three-fold oppression and exploitation and lived for a long time in a state of great inequalities and complete non-right under the feudal yoke, national oppression by the Japanese imperialists and exploitation by capital. Women had to be ill-clad and suffer from hunger at all times even though they were engaged in arduous and hard work throughout their life, and they were forced to live a slavish life, being bound up in fetters of the corrupt feudal Confucian morality. In the past, women were completely removed from the socio-political life, and were even deprived of the most rudimentary liberties and rights due to a human being.

But all this is now an old story for the women of our country, and their status has changed radically.

Thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, the women of our country have long since been freed from all forms of exploitation, oppression and subjugation, and social equalities realized.

During Japanese imperialist rule, the Leader organized and waged the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle for 15 years to liberate our exploited and oppressed people and women from the yoke of Japanese imperialist colonial rule; after liberation he personally established the people's power and promulgated the Law on the Equality of the Sexes and emancipated our women once and for all from the age-old feudal subjugation and bindings. Thus, the women of our country came to enjoy equal freedom and rights with men in all fields of social life and became proud masters of the country and society.

In the whole course of the democratic and socialist revolutions, the women, boundlessly inspired by the profound concern and parental care of the Leader, displayed a high degree of political enthusiasm and creative labour and greatly contributed to the heroic struggle of our people for the building of a new society. In this course, the women's political and ideological consciousness and their cultural level were enhanced incomparably and their moral traits, too, changed beyond recognition.

Today the women of our country form one of the glorious revolutionary ranks rallied rock-firm around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and they are playing a very important role in the country's economic and cultural construction and political life.

A change of historic significance has thus taken place in our country in the solution of the women's question thanks to the wise leadership and constant care of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

But this by no means implies the solution of all the problems confronting the women's movement in our country, and we still have much work to do for the final solution of the women's question. Our women are not yet completely freed from arduous and labour-consuming work, and they are under the double burdens of conducting public activities and managing domestic affairs. Survivals of outdated ideas such as capitalist and feudal Confucian ideas remain in the minds of some women in no small measure, and these women fail to rid themselves completely of antiquated morality and backward way of life.

For the final solution of the women's question, we must energetically carry out the technical revolution to emancipate the women completely from arduous and laborious work and free them from the heavy burdens of household cares, and revolutionize and working-classize all of them through the active promotion of the ideological and cultural revolutions. We must thus provide the women with fully equal conditions with men in all fields of the economic and social life so that they may take a more active part in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work, and make all women ardent revolutionaries and true Communists infinitely faithful to the Party and the Leader.

This is precisely the great idea of women's emancipation and the brilliant line of the women's movement in our country, which were propounded by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, in his report to the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, taught:

"We should unfold an extensive technical innovation movement in industry and agriculture and all other branches of the national economy to narrow down the distinctions between heavy and light labour and between agricultural and industrial work to a considerable extent and free the women from the heavy burdens of household chores. These are precisely the three major tasks of the technical revolu-

tion we should fulfil in a few years ahead." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 58.)

It is of tremendous significance in the solution of the women's question to narrow down the distinctions between heavy and light labour and between agricultural and industrial work and free the working people from arduous and toilsome work through the energetic promotion of the technical revolution.

The women make up a half of the population in our country and hold a considerable proportion in the composition of labour force in many branches of the national economy. At present, women account for 45.5 per cent of manpower in industry and nearly 60 per cent in agriculture. Under these conditions, it is impossible to solve the problem of relieving the women from heavy and laborious work so long as distinctions between heavy and light labour and harmful labour and heat-affected labour remain in industry and agricultural labour still subsists as labour-consuming work. We shall free the working people and women completely from the hard and toilsome labour only when we mechanize, semi-automate and automate industrial labour and do farming with the help of machines and chemicals by energetically pushing ahead with a technical innovation movement in all fields of the national economy in accordance with the policy set forth by the Leader.

The Leader defined the technical revolution for relieving the women from the heavy burdens of kitchen and household work as one of the three major tasks of the technical revolution, thereby pointing to a clear-cut way for complete emancipation of the women both in social and home life.

The burdens of kitchen and household work borne by the women impose no little restriction on their public activities and check their advance into the arena of public activity. Therefore, the emancipation of the women from the burdens of kitchen and household work constitutes an important guarantee for bringing into full play in socialist construction the energies and talents of the women, who account for half of the population.

When we, according to the policy set forth by the Leader, bring about a fresh innovation in the foodstuff-processing industry, process all the foodstuffs by industrial methods and supply them and manufacture a large quantity of domestic refrigerators, washing machines, electric cooking pots and other kitchen utensils and supply them, and adequately provide clothes-making factories, laundries and various other facilities, women need not spend much time in kitchen work and domestic chores and will do them with ease. Particularly, when water is laid on in county seats and all the rural villages in line with the policy advanced by the Leader on providing the countryside with water service, the rural women, too, will be freed once and for all from carrying water jars on their heads, a practice handed down for thousands of years. In that case, our women will come to have the same conditions of work and life with men and all of them will contribute actively to socialist construction by taking part in social activities.

As we see, the three major tasks of the technical revolution set by the Leader are a great programme of socialist construction for liberating the working people from hard and toilsome work and accelerating the development of the productive forces of the country and, at the same time, a historic task of women's emancipation, the task of delivering once and for all our women, now freed from the exploitation, oppression and social inequalities, even from the heavy burdens of kitchen and household work and of providing them with the most complete equality.

In his report to the Fifth Congress of the Party, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, raised the question of bringing up all the pre-school children at state and public expense as an important task of the cultural revolution and socialist construction. This is another important measure taken by the Leader to realize the complete emancipation of women and his great solicitude for our women and children.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, taught as follows:

"We must further enlarge the accommodations of the existing creches and kindergartens and erect many more modernly-equipped creches and kindergartens so that excellent facilities for the education of children may be provided at all places where there are children. Thus we must see to it that all the pre-school children of our country are brought up at creches and kindergartens at state and public expense." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 69.)

Great changes have taken place in the work of nursery and kindergarten since the national congress of nursery school and kindergarten teachers held in October 1966 under the personal guidance of the respected and beloved Leader. In the course of the struggle for carrying through the teachings given by the Leader at the national congress of nursery school and kindergarten teachers, a large number of handsome nurseries and kindergartens have been newly built in towns and rural villages of our country and the upbringing and education of children have been improved markedly. Now 2,500,000 lovely children are growing up happily at our nurseries and kindergartens at state and public expense with nothing more to desire in the world.

According to the policy set forth by the Leader at the Fifth Congress of the Party, the number of nurseries and kindergartens will increase on a large scale throughout the country and all the preschool children of our country will grow up at state and public expense at the nurseries and kindergartens equipped with excellent upbringing conditions and educational facilities.

The upbringing of children under public care is one of the important conditions for lightening the burdens of women and making them launch forth in wide realms of public life. If our women, who live without worries and cares about food, clothing and housing, free from exploitation and oppression, are now delivered from the burdens of the kitchen and household work and released completely even from the burden of the upbringing of children, they will, indeed, have no worries and cares and will all launch forth in public life freely and give full play to all their energies and talents in socialist construction.

The public upbringing of children is the most effective and superior method whereby our youngsters are brought up into the true men of communist type. The public upbringing of children accustoms them to an organized and disciplined life, fosters in them the spirit of collectivism and communist character and gets them used to the tone of organizational life from childhood. There is no doubt that if the children who have fostered in this way enter a school, receive the common education and higher education in a systematic way and get the revolutionary education through the organizational life, they will become the true men of communist type and the reliable heirs of our revolution when they have grown up.

In his report to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, raised the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society as an important revolutionary task of the Party.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"To realize the working-classization of the whole society while strenuously carrying on the revolutionization of all the working people by giving priority to the ideological revolution is a weighty task that must be fulfilled without fail in the period of transition from capitalism to socialism. Only by working-classizing all the members of society, is it possible to ob-

literate the class distinctions, build a classless society and win complete victory for socialism." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., pp. 73-74.)

The revolutionization and working-classization of women holds a very important place in the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society. Only when women who make up a half of the population are revolutionized and working-classized, can the whole society be revolutionized and working-classized. Women perform an important role in state, public and family life and, in particular, in the education of their children. Therefore, only when women are successfully revolutionized and working-classized and their ideological consciousness and cultural level are rapidly elevated, can the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society be promoted.

The revolutionization and working-classization of women is not only an important condition for the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society but also a basic requirement of the women's movement itself.

Even though women are liberated from exploitation, oppression, subordination and non-rights, their emancipation cannot be complete, if they are not freed once and for all from obsolete ideas and culture and the backward living customs. If women are not armed with the communist ideological consciousness and their cultural standards are not high, they cannot fully exercise even the social equality and rights already ensured by law.

When women are completely freed from the obsolete ideas, outmoded culture and conventions and become the true women of communist type, can their emancipation be considered complete and conclusive. Therefore, to keep raising the women's ideological consciousness and cultural standards and make all of them true Communists by waging a dynamic struggle for revolutionization and working-classization among them constitute the basic contents of the women's movement in socialist society.

By advancing the wise policy and ways for the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society in his report to the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, gave the most correct answer to the basic problem of the solution of the women's question.

The great report made by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea is not only a great struggle programme which clearly illumined the direction for the women's movement of our country to follow at the present time but also a great historical declaration of women's emancipation which clarified for the first time in the history the fundamental principles of the women's movement and the ways for the final solution of the women's question in socialist society.

The great report delivered by the Leader at the Fifth Party Congress opens up the bright future before the women of our country, leads them along the road of shining victory; it illumines a victorious road ahead of the world progressive women fighting for the national and social liberation and for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism and energetically encourages their struggle.

All the women of our country, taking the great report made by the Leader at the Fifth Party Congress to heart, are now filled with great emotion and a new, militant determination and extend, with the feeling of unanimous loyalty, the highest honour and warmest thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the entire Korean people, who brought liberation, equality and happiness to them and is unfolding a brighter future.

Comrades,

The Korean Democratic Women's Union and our women are faced with an honourable task of creditably implementing the great revolutionary lines and policies put forward by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Women's Union organizations must organize and mobilize the entire women to the energetic struggle for successfully fulfilling the militant tasks put forth by the Leader at the Fifth Party Congress, and all the members of the Women's Union and women should fully display all their energies and wisdom in this honourable struggle.

Women must, first of all, actively participate in the technical revolution in all the posts of socialist construction.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved

Leader, presented the technical revolution as an important revolutionary task of the Party in the whole course of socialist construction and laid down, at the Fifth Congress of the WPK, the historic three major tasks of the technical revolution for the complete victory of socialism.

The technical revolution is an important revolutionary task to deliver our people, now free from exploitation and oppression, from hard and labour-consuming work and make the people's life more bountiful and cultured. Ours is the era of science and technology and the development of our economy largely depends on the advancement of science and technology.

Now that our women are playing an important role in production as proud builders of socialism, they ought to assume an important role in the carrying out of the technical revolution. Particularly, since the struggle for carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution put forward by the Leader is a struggle to deliver the women themselves, the women must devote all their energies and talents to this honourable struggle.

In order to make a positive contribution to the accomplishment of the technical revolution, women must decisively raise their level of technique by intensifying technical studies.

The Women's Union organizations must widely organize technical studies among the women in various forms and methods and a mass campaign must be unfolded to make every woman acquire one technique and more. We must see that those women who do not possess a technique should acquire more than one technique and that those women who are versed in a technique should strive actively to master another technique. Technical studies must be intensified among the young women in particular, so that they may all reach the level of skilled worker and technician. And all of the aged women, too, must be led to gain general knowledge in the working people's middle school and, at the same time, acquire some technical knowhow.

While stepping up technical studies among the women, the Women's Union organizations must boldly unfold a collective technical innovation movement.

In various branches of the national economy including light industry and the rural economy, many women are now actively taking part in the technical innovation movement. Thus women are making no small contribution to the work of boldly smashing old production norms and creating new norms by improving production facilities and machines and widely applying advanced methods of work. Wherever we go, we can find numerous women labour innovators including model weavers and spinners, turners and tractor drivers who are taking the lead in the technical innovation movement and performing heroic feats with fiery revolutionary zeal and bold and creative suggestions.

However, the role of the women in the technical revolution is still below in view of the Leader's great expectation for our women and of the actual demand of the development of the national economy in our country.

Women must boldly shatter the old ideological view-point on technical advancement and the mystification of technique and widely carry on the collective technical innovation movement. Women must not only be well versed in the technique, equipment and machines in their own domain but also strive actively to continuously improve production facilities and mechanize, semi-automate and automate all production processes.

It is very important to intensify the technical innovation movement in the fields of the rural economy and light industry where women hold a large proportion of manpower.

The women in the countryside must put up an active struggle to successfully fulfil the tasks of the rural technical revolution presented by the Leader in his "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country" and his report to the Fifth Congress of the Party. For the present, an energetic struggle must be waged to widely introduce the dry-field irrigation system including water sprinkling and to further raise the level of mechanization and chemicalization in the agricultural production, and thus an active contribution be made to realizing the comprehensive mechanization of agriculture.

The women in the domain of light industry must endeavour to mechanize, semi-automate and automate all the production processes of their factories. An active struggle must be waged in local industry factories, in particular, to further consolidate their material and technical foundations and improve the quality of their goods.

Then, women must take an active part in the cultural revolution and strive to establish a socialist way of life.

Thanks to the wise leadership and solicitude of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, great progress has been made in carrying out the cultural revolution in our country. Wire-broadcasts are heard in all parts of the country and the telecasting network has covered nearly all the rural *ri* and every household is supplied with a newspaper or a magazine. As a result of the enforcement of the universal compulsory nine-year technical education and the large-scale expansion of facilities of education, culture and public health, all the working people are enjoying much cultural benefits of the state and their level of culture has been markedly elevated in general. Thanks to the warm solicitude of the Leader, all of our women who were denied the opportunity of learning and completely excluded from the cultural life in the past, are now made to study and enjoy a cultural life to their hearts' content and have become the proud masters and makers of the socialist national culture.

However, we cannot rest content with this. Our women are still in the low level of culture generally and the cultural level of those women of 40 years of age and upwards is far low in particular. Most of them could not receive regular education in the past and they got, if any, capitalist education in bourgeois society.

Speedy elevation of the cultural level of women as a whole is the objective requirement of the social development of our country today. Accordingly, this is a weighty revolutionary task set before our Women's Union organizations and women. The Women's Union organizations must wage an active struggle to rapidly raise the level of the women's general knowledge and general level of culture.

What is important in lifting the women's levels of knowledge and culture is to run mothers' schools well. Today the mothers' school has become an important base for educating women on communist lines by propagating the teachings of the Leader and the policies of the Party and disseminating general and cultural knowledge among them.

The Women's Union organizations must see to it that mothers' schools should be well built and equipped in every organ, enterprise, rural village and residential quarter, that fine comrades who are prepared politically and practically be allocated there as lecturers and that these schools be run properly. Mothers' schools must be provided with a large quantity of good teaching materials and education materials. And work must be well organized to popularize widely good examples in running the mothers' schools to the whole country. In this way, all of women must be led to raise their cultural level a stage higher as a whole through mothers' schools.

Women must not only make efforts to elevate their cultural level but also actively contribute to the carrying out of the over-all cultural revolution of the country. Women must always manage assiduously their homes, people's neighbourhood units, villages and work places in a hygienic and cultured way.

They must constantly pay deep attention to the general socio-political life and cultural life of the country and take part in them with enthusiasm; they must actively strive to successfully implement all the Party's policies on the carrying out of the cultural revolution.

It is a very important revolutionary task confronting the Women's Union and our women to fight to put an end to the mode of living of the old society and establish a socialist way of life in all domains.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"We should eliminate the way of life of the old society and thoroughly establish the socialist way of life in all domains so that all may live and behave in keeping with the intrinsic nature of our society which is based on collectivism." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 82.)

Thanks to the wise measures taken by the Party in the past and its strenuous education, a great change has been brought about in the spiritual and moral aspects of our people and we have so far scored many successes in the work of establishing a socialist way of life. However, the outdated, capitalistic and feudalistic morality and conventions handed down from the old society still persist in our minds in no small measure. This puts an obstacle in the building of socialism and in the work of educating and remoulding the working people on communist lines.

The Women's Union organizations and women must actively fight against the outdated morality and usages in all domains of social and family life and for establishing a new, socialist way of life, and thus carry out the honourable task assigned by the Leader without fail.

We must boldly abandon what is inconsistent with the socialist way of life among those moralities of the past and conventions and make the best use of good manners and customs peculiar to our nation and improve and develop them to fit in with the socialist realities. Women must discard such old practices as showing off unnecessarily and wasting in life and bringing up one's sons and daughters in a backward way, and make the most of such a beautiful morality and custom as good conduct, civilities and the respect for their parents-in-law. Also women must lead well their private life and voluntarily observe the order of social community life and all the standards of communist morality.

The Women's Union organizations must carry on tireless education among the women to remove the outdated mode of living on the one hand and, on the other, create models of new cultural and moral life one by one and popularize them through a social movement, and thus gradually establish a socialist way of life.

Then, the Women's Union organizations must forcefully push ahead with the ideological revolution among the women and revolutionize and working-classize all of them.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, taught as follows:

"The ideological revolution is an acute class strug-

gle to liquidate capitalism finally even in the domain of man's consciousness and an important revolutionary task of completely freeing the entire working people from the fetters of all obsolete ideologies and arming them with the progressive working-class ideas, the ideas of communism." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., pp. 72-73.)

We are now in direct confrontation with the U.S. imperialists, the ringleader of world reaction, and are building socialism under the acute and complicated circumstances attended with the ceaseless counter-revolutionary manoeuvres of the class enemies. Under the conditions, unless the class awakening of the working people is further enhanced and they are thoroughly armed with communist ideas by stepping up the ideological revolution, the influence of bourgeois ideas grows and the revolutionary consciousness of people is paralyzed, the socialist system cannot be consolidated and developed and, what is worse, even the revolutionary gains already won will be imperilled. Also, if we do not intensify the ideological revolution and revolutionize and working-classize all the members of society, we can neither obliterate class distinctions, nor can we achieve the complete victory of socialism and build communist society after all. Therefore, to continue to drive forward the ideological revolution energetically and to give it definite precedence in all work is one of the most important principles in the activities of the Party and working people's organizations.

The Women's Union organizations must regard it as their primary duty to intensify the ideological revolution among the women and revolutionize and working-classize them, and must concentrate their greatest effort on it.

The Women's Union organizations must wage among the women a vigorous ideological struggle against the old ideas, so that all the women may fight resolutely against capitalist ideas, feudal Confucian ideas, revisionism, flunkeyism and all other obsolete ideas that run counter to the great *Juche* idea of the Leader and against their manifestations.

Along with this, it is important to intensify among women the communist education with class education as the main content. The Women's Union organizations must continually increase the class awakening of women and thoroughly equip all the women with the working-class viewpoint so that they may hate all the class enemies and fight relentlessly against imperialism and the exploiting system. Particularly, we must further increase the women's hatred for U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism, the sworn enemies of our people, and firmly prepare all the women ideologically so that they may be mobilized at any time in the sacred revolutionary cause of forcing the U.S. imperialists out of south Korea and reunifying the country.

We must conduct the work of women's revolutionization and working-classization in combination with the Chollima workteam movement.

The Chollima workteam movement is a mass movement that helps build socialism faster and better by educating the working people in the communist ideas and remoulding them to rally them closely around the Party and the Leader and giving full play to their revolutionary enthusiasm and creative talents to bring about collective innovation in production. In other words, the Chollima workteam movement is the most superior communist movement which organically combines the collective innovation movement in production with the work of educating and remoulding the working people.

Our objective of the revolutionization and working-classization of the working people and women through the intensification of the ideological revolution is to closely rally the entire people around the Party and the Leader, further strengthen our revolutionary forces and ensure successful socialist and communist construction. Therefore, the ideological revolution among the working people cannot be conducted apart from their revolutionary practice and productive activities. The excellent way of organically linking the ideological revolution with revolutionary practice is to continually develop in depth the Chollima workteam movement the superiority of which has already been confirmed through the actual life.

The Women's Union organizations must continue to energetically wage the Chollima workteam movement in all organs, enterprises, co-operative farms and the people's neighbourhood units where there are working women. And the Women's Union organizations must decisively uproot individualism and selfishness among the women and foster a lofty collective spirit so that all the women may love the collective and organization and devotedly fight at any time and at any place for the benefit of the society and the people and in the interests of the Party and the revolution, instead of seeking personal ease and comfort. We must see to it that the communist trait of "One for all, all for one" should be brought into full play in every place where women work, learn and live. In particular, we must conduct the collective innovation movement more energetically among the women who are engaged in production so that all the working women can perform exploits on the labour front and always fulfil and overfulfil their plans without fail.

Further, the Women's Union organizations and women must carry on child education well.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught us as follows:

"The youth and children are our alternators and the successors to the revolutionary cause. It can be said, therefore, that the problem of education of the younger generation is closely related to the very problem concerning the future of the revolution.

"Only by educating the younger generation properly, can we bring them up into true successors to the revolutionary cause, defend the revolutionary gains we have made through a hard-fought struggle and carry out the revolution to the end." ("On the Work of the Women's Union," English ed., pp. 38-39.)

To healthily rear children, educate them well and prepare them as the reliable heirs of our revolution is one of the most important revolutionary tasks assigned to the Women's Union organizations and women. Women are rearers and educators of children at home and assume a very important role in the upbringing and education of children in society as well. The nursery school and kindergarten teachers who take charge of the upbringing and education of children at creches and kindergartens are all women, and women also hold a very high proportion of the teachers who give lessons at schools. Therefore, how to bring up and educate our lovely children depends entirely upon the women, and the quality of the school education also rests largely with them.

The Women's Union organizations must pay constant and deep attention to the upbringing and education of the children and all the women must exert great efforts to this work.

The Women's Union organizations must equip and run well the existing creches and kindergartens. Alongside with this, more creches and kindergartens must be built in towns, countryside and workers' districts to bring up all the preschool children of our country under public care in accordance with the policy set forth by the Leader at the Fifth Party Congress. We must unfold a society-wide movement for building creches and kindergartens and bring about a great innovation in this work.

In order to improve the work of creches and kindergartens, the ranks of the nursery school and kindergarten teachers must be built up well and their role enhanced decisively. We must see to it that the nursery school and kindergarten teachers should be picked out from among fine comrades and they be trained, and an adequate education given to them so that all of them may be deeply conscious of the honourable revolutionary tasks devolved upon them and devote all their energies and talents to bringing up children into the reliable reserve of communist builders.

Another important problem we must solve in the upbringing of children is to produce in quantities the high-quality foodstuffs and toys and supply them to the children. The women working in the branch of scientific research and foodstuffs industry must widely conduct researches on children's foodstuffs and make a new innovation in the foodstuff-processing industry so as to produce quantities of tasteful and highly nutritious foodstuffs for children. The women who are engaged in the branch of the daily-necessaries industry must actively strive to produce in greater quantities various fine and attractive toys suited to the psychological characteristics of our children and beneficial to their intellectual development.

At the Fifth Party Congress, the respected and beloved Leader set the task of reinforcing the maternity facilities in counties and building up pediatric wards in a proper way with a view to protecting the health of the women and bringing up the children healthily. The Women's Union organizations and women, upholding the policy advanced by the Leader, must take a more active part than others in building up maternity facilities and pediatric wards and intensify the organizational and political work to conduct this work in an all-people movement.

Next, women must keep a higher degree of revolutionary vigilance and make better preparation for coping with a war.

Today, the situation in our country is still tense. Behind the new, deceptive signboard of the so-called "Nixon doctrine," the U.S. imperialists occupying south Korea keep bringing the latest mass destruction weapons and aggressive military equipment into south Korea one after another, and the Japanese militarists, revived under the aegis of the U.S. imperialists, are worming their way into south Korea again. The south Korean puppet clique, egged on by the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists, step up the aggressive provocations against our Republic and run wilder to make preparations for another war.

We must always maintain strict vigilance against the enemy's aggressive designs and all its provocative machinations and make full preparations to stand up resolutely against any surprise attack of the enemy. Women should never be captivated by the pacifistic mood and put up a powerful struggle against the infiltration of the ideological trend of war-phobe revisionism into our ranks.

Women must continue to wage a vigorous struggle for increased production and economization in all the branches and units of the national economy and turn out more and set up more reserves of materials. Women must apply themselves to learning production techniques and methods of management and operation and take an active part in the training of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards so that they may take the place of men, once a war breaks out, and run their factories and co-operative farms to ensure the war-time production and defend firmly their villages and working places.

The Women's Union organizations must widely organize among the women the work of helping the People's Army and their families. We must thus enable the men and officers of the People's Army to fulfil more faithfully their task of national defence and make their families suffer no inconveniences in life.

2. FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE WOMEN'S UNION WORK

Comrades,

During the period under review, the Women's Union has scored great successes in its work under the wise leadership and parental concern of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, regarding the work of the Women's Union as an important part of the Party work, has always shown profound concern and care for it and clearly illumined the road ahead of the Women's Union. During the period under review alone, the Leader showed at each stage a clear-cut orientation and concrete ways for the work of the Women's Union in his teachings given on October 11, 1968, and on August 20, 1969, and many other teachings and works and personally led the Women's Union functionaries and the women to their implementation. This scrupulous guidance and parental care of the Leader enabled our Women's Union functionaries to energetically push ahead with their work at all times with confidence and courage and made it possible to develop the women's movement of our country and the work of the Women's Union onto a higher stage.

The most signal success scored in the Women's Union work during the period under review is that the Women's Union organizations have grown into the revolutionary ranks of the women boundlessly loyal to the Party and the Leader.

In the past, the Women's Union was in an unsubstantial state; it existed only in name and had nothing particular to do. Its organizational system, too, was in such a state that there were only upper organs as a matter of form, with no lower organizations to speak of, and that even the existing some Women's Union organizations, failing to conduct their activities independently, were dissolved in other social organizations to serve them. No small number of leading Women's Union functionaries were infected with revisionism and flunkeyism and did not faithfully execute the Party's lines and policies and carried on their work for appearance's sake, only attending international conferences.

The Third Congress of the Women's Union held under the personal guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, marked an important turning point in improving and developing the Women's Union work which had been merely nominal. At the Third Congress of the Women's Union, the Leader again brightly illumined the road ahead of the Women's Union organizations and the women of our country.

During the period under review, the Women's Union has waged a vigorous struggle to improve and develop its work, upholding the programmatic teaching of the Leader.

We have directed great efforts, first of all, to the organizational and ideological strengthening of the Women's Union so that it may satisfactorily perform its role as a powerful transmission belt of the Party and the socio-political organization of the working women.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, taught as follows:

"Any organization can well claim itself to be an organization and discharge its duty only when it is always on the move as a living organization. Otherwise, it is not worth an organization and cannot fulfil its missions. If any organization has its name only and fails to get itself on the move, it is not a living organization but a dead one. Such an organization is a worthless and useless organization."

In order to make the Women's Union a working, living organization, a revolutionary organization with strong militancy, we reorganized its organizational system on revolutionary lines as befits the political organization of the working women in socialist society, readjusted its ranks and laid a well-regulated system of the Union work from the Central Committee to primary organizations. And we newly created the principal slogan, flag and badge of the Women's

Union, issued the Union membership cards to the entire Union members and established strict system and discipline in all fields of the Union's organizational work including affiliation and procedure of transfer. As a result, the Women's Union has come to develop into a monolithic revolutionary organization guided by the principle of democratic centralism and carry out its revolutionary tasks more satisfactorily.

The basic duty of the Women's Union is to educate all the women of our country in a revolutionary way to rally them firmly around the Party and the Leader and organize and mobilize them energetically to the revolutionary struggle and constructive work. We corrected the wrong tendency to regard the Women's Union as an organization of cultural enlightenment, put main emphasis on the political and ideological education of the women in the work of the Women's Union and carried on intensive ideological education in various forms and methods suitable to the specific features of the working women in socialist society.

Especially, after the historic 15th Plenary Meeting of the Fourth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the struggle for establishing the unitary ideological system of the Party was waged more powerfully in the Women's Union, and a radical change took place in the work of the Women's Union.

The Women's Union intensified the ideological education as never before to arm the women with the great revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, the *Juche* idea of our Party, and strove strenuously to establish among the women the revolutionary trait of studying. As the zeal for study increased exceptionally among the women and a mass movement was afoot among them to deeply study and master the brilliant works and glorious revolutionary history of the Leader, numerous women have not only fully grasped the basic thought and content of the Leader's works and his brief history of revolutionary activities but had a complete mastery of them.

Through their profound study of the immortal brilliant works of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and his glorious and brilliant revolutionary history, the women acquainted themselves more deeply with his great revolutionary thought, the sagacity of his leadership and his high virtues and realized clearly the root of our Party and revolution, and a feeling of reverence for, and loyalty to, the Leader increased incomparably among the women. Today our women infinitely respect and trust the Leader and are filled with a burning feeling of allegiance to the Leader, the feeling that they would live only in defence of the Leader's revolutionary ideas and devote their whole lives to the struggle for putting them into practice.

The Women's Union, while intensifying the ideological education for arming the women with the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader, waged a dynamic struggle to unconditionally carry through to the end the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies. Whenever they received the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies, the Women's Union organizations discussed measures for their execution in good time and energetically organized and mobilized the women to their implementation. As a result, the revolutionary trait of unconditionally accepting the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies and thoroughly defending and implementing them was established among the Women's Union organizations and the women.

In order to establish the unitary ideological system of the Party, the Women's Union unfolded a deep-going ideological struggle to overcome and liquidate all kinds of anti-Party, reactionary ideas that ran counter to the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader.

Once, the revisionist elements manoeuvred viciously to spread the feudal Confucian, bourgeois and revisionist ideologies among the women. The revisionist elements preached the corrupt feudal Confucian morality such as manifested in "A wise mother and good wife" and "Wives should follow their husbands" and spread the ideas of indolence and depravity and the American way of life among the women. By so doing, they tried to make our women into spiritless beings who would serve only their husbands at home as in old times and, furthermore, to paralyse their revolutionary consciousness and demoralize and degrade them and thus alienate them from the Party and the Leader. But the Women's Union and the women who are always faithful to the Leader smashed in good time the vicious machinations of the revisionist elements. Through the deep-going ideological struggle against the revisionist elements and the ideological virus spread by them, we thoroughly prevented the infiltration among the women of all unsound ideological trends such as the feudal Confucian ideas, bourgeois ideology and revisionist ideas and firmly defended the purity of the Women's Union in thought and will.

Today the unitary ideological system of the Party is firmly established in the Korean Democratic Women's Union. The whole Union is thoroughly armed with the unitary ideology of our Party, the great *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and the entire women think and act in accordance with the thought and will of the Leader and wage a principled struggle against the practices running counter to his idea, without the slightest compromise.

With the firm establishment of the unitary ideological system of the Party in the Women's Union, the unity and cohesion of the Women's Union ranks have been further strengthened on the basis of the great *Juche* idea of the Leader and the fighting efficiency of the Union increased considerably. Indeed, at no time in the history of the Korean women's movement has there been such a time when our women are rallied firmly around the Leader as today and nor has there been such a time when the fighting power of the Women's Union is strengthened and the whole Union built up into the revolutionary ranks filled with the loyalty to the Leader as today.

We can proudly inform this Congress that today the Women's Union, as a powerful transmission belt of the Workers' Party of Korea, has grown into the women's revolutionary ranks boundlessly faithful to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader.

During the period under review, tremendous successes have been also made in the work of revolutionizing and working-classizing the women.

The revolutionization and working-classization of women are a lawful requirement of socialist and communist construction and one of the most important tasks arising in the final solution of the women's question.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"The process of building socialism and communism is one of revolutionizing all the members of society—workers, peasants and intellectuals—a process of doing away with all class distinctions by transforming the whole of society on the working-class pattern." (Kim Il Sung, Selected Works, Vol. IV, English ed., pp. 567-568.)

During the period under review, in order to revolutionize and working-classize women the Women's Union established its system of organizational life and waged a vigorous struggle to strengthen the revolutionary organizational life among the women. In the past, the Women's Union had not its system of organizational life and its members were completely out of its organizational control. The primary organizations of the Women's Union did not have regular meetings and there was no system of reviewing the Union life. During the period under review, the Women's Union straightened out such a grave situation being created in the organizational life of the Union, established the strict system of conducting the Union meetings and the review of the Union life regularly in the Women's Union organizations at all levels, and saw that all the Union members should always receive assignments from their organizations and strive for their implementation. Thus, we helped the women always to live and temper themselves politically under the guidance and control of the Women's Union organizations.

While intensifying the revolutionary organizational life among the women, we paid a deep concern to the work of inducing all women to learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, an outstanding pioneer of the Korean women's movement and an ardent female revolutionary. We set up well-furnished mothers' schools in the primary organizations of the Women's Union, carried on systematic education on the revolutionary traditions among the women with the mothers' schools as the bases and gave wide publicity to the brilliant life and revolutionary activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok through various forms of training courses and lecture meetings. Particularly, the Women's Union organizations vigorously conducted among the women a drive for reading 100 times the book "Let Us Learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok," thus enabling all the women to copy the ardent revolutionary spirit of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok and her noble character.

It was very important in revolutionizing and working-classizing women to root out individualism and selfishness still remaining in them. In the past, not a few women were infected with the selfish ideas which were manifested in placing the interests of individuals and their own families above those of society and collective and merely seeking a comfortable family life in utter indifference to the revolutionary work; they were in such a backward state as to be contented with attending on their husbands and rearing their children at home. We could not bring up women into real revolutionaries without thoroughly uprooting the survivals of such obsolete ideologies found in them.

In order to root out individualism and selfishness persisting in the women, the Women's Union organizations set the communist pattern among them and generalized it widely, while waging a vigorous ideological struggle against the survivals of obsolete ideologies. In this way, we saw to it that women should arm themselves with the collectivist spirit of placing the interests of society and collective above their personal interests and valuing the general economic life of the country more than their family life.

One of the important ways for revolutionizing and working-classizing women is to temper them through collective labour.

Man's ideological consciousness can be successfully remoulded and rapidly developed through the practical struggle for remaking nature and society. Only through the collective labour can men acquire communist attitude towards labour and the organization and discipline of the working class and be steeled in a revolutionary way.

During the period under review, the Women's Union has made strenuous efforts to make all women launch forth in public life, remould themselves on the working-class pattern and temper themselves in a revolutionary way through the collective labour. The Women's Union organizations have conducted the minute politico-ideological and organizational work to draw the women into public life and waged an active struggle to make the deep solicitude shown by the respected and beloved Leader for the working women produce better effects. Thanks to the Leader's solicitude, everywhere in our country the modern creches and kindergartens have been built and operated and various public service establishments serve the working women excellently. Indeed, today the women of our country, no matter where they may live, are provided with all conditions for working to the best of their ability without preoccupations.

Under such warm solicitude and care of the Leader, the ranks of the working women in our country have grown rapidly during the period under review. At present, in our country nearly 2,000,000 women are working in all domains of the national economy, displaying their energies and talents to the full; they are striving to working-classize and revolutionize themselves in the fruitful labour for socialist construction.

As a result of the energetic struggle for revolutionization and working-classization waged in the Women's Union, during the period under review our women have grown into the women revolutionaries who have been more firmly armed with the unitary ideology of the Party and have shaped the unshakable revolutionary world outlook, and a great change has taken place in their ideological and mental aspects. Our women thoroughly defend and carry out the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies at any time and at any place, hate the class enemies bitterly, wage an uncompromising struggle against negative phenomena and do not yield to difficulties or rest on their laurels but make continued innovation and uninterrupted advance. All women are possessed of the lofty traits of studying hard, working diligently, participating in the organizational life and collective labour with enthusiasm, vying with each other to take the lead in the hard and toilsome work, and of sacrificing themselves without hesitation for the collective and comrades. Today, our women are filled with the revolutionary spirit and the communist tone of life, the tone of helping and pulling each other forward, is being brought into still fuller play among them.

As a result of the vigorous struggle for revolutionization and working-classization among the women, a big stride has been made also in the revolutionization of their families and people's neighbourhood units. Following the model of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok women strove to become revolutionaries themselves, rear their children in a revolutionary way, revolutionize their whole families and, furthermore, to revolutionize their villages and people's neighbourhood units. Thanks to the tireless efforts of women, a large number of families have become the revolutionary families free from the obsolete and backward mode of living and more than 6,000 of people's neighbourhood units have been honoured with the title of Chollima people's neighbourhood unit. Thus, today our families and people's neighbourhood units are replete with the unitary ideology of our Party and in them run the revolutionary traits that all people defend and carry through the teachings of the Leader and the Party's policies unconditionally while working, studying and living in a revolutionary way and helping and pulling each other along.

Big successes have been made also in the personnel affairs of the Women's Union during the period under review.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"Some people considered that only those intellectuals who graduated from universities or colleges in the past were qualified to become Women's Union functionaries. They were gravely mistaken. It is the labouring women in factories and rural villages that the Women's Union organizations should work with. ... Therefore, it is advisable to make cadres of those steadfast comrades who have been tempered in the course of practical labour in factories and the countryside." ("On the Work of the Women's Union," English ed., pp. 28-29.)

During the period under review, the Women's Union has discarded the erroneous ideological viewpoint that only the bourgeois intellectual women can conduct the Women's Union work and actively endeavoured to solidly build up its ranks of cadres politically and on class principle.

In building up the cadres' ranks of the Women's

Union, we have maintained the principle of promoting to the cadres those women of the worker and peasant origins, who were tempered and tested through practical struggles. Along with this, we boldly appointed the young intellectual women reared by our Party to the leading Women's Union organs at all levels. Thus, the cadres' ranks of the Women's Union have been solidly built up with those women who have fine class origins, are infinitely faithful to the Leader, have abilities, and enjoy a deep confidence of the masses.

We paid deep attention to the work of educating the cadres, while building up the cadres' ranks well. The Women's Union organizations saw to it that all the Women's Union functionaries, without exception, should participate in the one-month training course conducted in the whole Party to raise their political and practical level and directly organized the training courses and methodological lectures for them in a planned way, thereby teaching them the methods of work one by one.

Thanks to the deep solicitude of the Leader, the system of training the reserves of Women's Union cadres was firmly established as well. The Leader undertook that the training courses of the Women's Union functionaries were open at the Central Party School, the Central School of the Working People's Organizations, Communist Colleges and various other training organs and took measures to rear the Women's Union functionaries in a planned way at the research organs and colleges. As a result, now the Women's Union organizations are sending in a planned way those women tempered in the production sites and the army as well as the women graduated from the revolution schools to various training organs and colleges to bring up the educated and able reserves of cadres in a far-sighted way.

The successes attained in the personnel affairs of the Women's Union are a sure guarantee for increasing the fighting power of the Women's Union organizations and pushing ahead with the work of the Women's Union more vigorously in the future.

Comrades,

During the period under review, the Women's Union has been further consolidated organizationally and ideologically, its fighting capacity increased beyond measure, and the Korean women's movement ushered in a new stage of development. But we cannot rest on our laurels. Big as our successes are, they are no more than a groundwork for further strengthening and development of the work of the Women's Union in future and winning fresh victories.

We have a great deal of work to do and our goal is far as yet. We have not yet reunified our country, nor have we won the nation-wide victory of the revolution.

Today we are confronted with the heavy tasks—to further consolidate the socialist system in the northern half of the Republic, radically improve the material and cultural standards of the people and hasten national reunification and the nation-wide victory of the revolution by thoroughly implementing the magnificent programme of socialist construction put forward by the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

These weighty revolutionary tasks set before us demand that we continue to strengthen the Women's Union organizationally and ideologically and better conduct the work with the masses of women. We must further intensify and advance the work of the Women's Union in conformity with the requirement of the developing realities, while consolidating the successes already attained.

The most important task in the work of the Women's Union is to establish more thoroughly the unitary ideological system of the Party in the Union.

It is the fundamental principle of building a revolutionary women's union to establish the unitary ideological system of the Party in the women's union. Only when the unitary ideological system of the Party is thoroughly established, can the Women's Union firmly ensure the unity and cohesion of its ranks in ideology and purpose and fully carry out its revolutionary tasks as a transmission belt of the Party. The thorough establishment of the unitary ideological system of the Party is precisely a sure guarantee for all our victories and the source of our invincible might.

We must continue to firmly grasp, as the general task of the Union, the work of establishing the unitary ideological system of the Party in the Women's Union, and further develop this work in depth.

In order to thoroughly establish the unitary ideological system of the Party in the Women's Union, we must, first of all, arm all women more firmly with the *Juche* idea, the great revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

The great revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, is a creative revolutionary idea born of the application and development of the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism in conformity to the specific conditions of our country and is a revolutionary textbook giving the most correct answers to the theoretical and practical problems of revolution and construction raised by our era. The great revolutionary idea of the Leader constitutes the most correct strategy and tactics for the successful implementation of our revolution and is the only guiding compass leading our Party and people to victory. Thanks to the Leader's great revolutionary idea, the ever-victorious *Juche* idea, our Party and people have been able to traverse steadfastly along the one road of victory, not knowing failures and vacillation, and build such a socialist power as we see today.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, taught as follows:

"Only when the Party members and the working people are firmly armed with our Party's revolutionary ideas, its lines and policies, can they become true revolutionaries loyal to the Party and the revolution and properly carry out the revolutionary tasks assigned to them." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 78.)

We must thoroughly establish the system of ideological education in the Women's Union and further strengthen the work of arming women with the great revolutionary thought of the Leader and its embodiment, the Party's lines and policies. The Women's Union organizations must make all women deeply study and grasp the Leader's immortal works and programmatic teachings bearing his great revolutionary ideas and brilliant theories.

Particularly, they must further deepen the study of the programmatic instructions given by the Leader for the work of the Women's Union and his report on the work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, thereby enabling all women to fully and deeply understand their general import and quintessence, the fighting tasks and ways and means of their implementation. Thus, they must see that women should make the Leader's great revolutionary idea, the *Juche* idea, their unshakable faith and their bones and flesh and think and act in accordance with the idea and intention of the Leader at any time and at any place.

In order to establish the unitary ideological system of the Party in the Women's Union, we must strengthen the education on the revolutionary traditions among women.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"It plays a most important part in revolutionizing people and establishing the unitary ideological

system to conduct the education in the revolutionary traditions profoundly in depth."

The Women's Union organizations must intensify among the women the study of the Leader's glorious, brilliant and revolutionary history of nearly half a century so that all of them may grasp more deeply his great revolutionary ideas, his sagacious leadership and lofty virtues and clearly realize the historical roots of our Party and revolution.

In the education of women on the revolutionary traditions, it is very important to lead them to learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok.

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was an outstanding pioneer of the Korean women's movement who gave beginning to the women's communist movement in our country under the guidance and assistance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader. The first women's revolutionary organization was formed in our country by Mrs. Kang Ban Sok under the guidance and assistance of the Leader, and the fine example of the women's communist movement and its brilliant traditions were created by her. Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was an ardent female revolutionary fighter who devoted her whole life to the independence of the fatherland and to the women's emancipation, the faithful wife of a revolutionary and was the devoted mother of revolutionaries who brought up her sons into the great revolutionaries. Indeed, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok is a paragon among the Korean women revolutionaries and a typical example of a sagacious and valiant Korean woman. The brilliant career and activities of

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok hold up a mirror to how our women in an era of revolution should live and fight.

The Women's Union organizations must continue to energetically push ahead with the movement for learning from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok among the women. They must explain and propagate the brilliant career and activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok more widely and more profoundly through mothers' schools, lecture meetings and conversations, and continuously intensify a campaign for reading 100 times the book "Let Us Learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok" so that the entire women may get fully acquainted with it in the near future. And all the women of our country must become ardent women revolutionaries who devote their whole life solely to the revolution and fine communist mothers of children, following the example of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok.

For the establishment of the unitary ideological system of the Party, it is necessary to fight resolutely against all kinds of anti-Party, reactionary ideas contradictory to the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader.

The Workers' Party of Korea is the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, which was founded and has been strengthened and developed by him, and the Korean Democratic Women's Union is a powerful transmission belt of the Workers' Party. Our Party and the Women's Union are only guided by the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who has creatively applied Marxism-Leninism to suit the actual conditions of our country and no other ideas are allowed to exist in them.

The Women's Union organizations must fight relentlessly against all the unsound ideas including revisionism, flunkeyism, dogmatism and factionalism which are contrary to the unitary ideology of the Party and strictly guard against the infiltration of even the slightest virus of any reactionary ideologies into the Women's Union. In this way, they must make the Women's Union always replete only with the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader and firmly defend the politico-ideological purity of the Women's Union on the basis of his *Juche* idea.

It is the greatest task and prime duty confronting the Women's Union and women to defend and safeguard Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, politically and ideologically at the cost of their lives. The Women's Union organizations must educate the entire women in the spirit of holding in high esteem wholeheartedly Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader and the brain and heart of our Party and revolution, and defending his high authority and prestige in every way. The women must become the Leader's true guard detachment and death-defying corps who boundlessly esteem and revere the respected and beloved Leader at any time and at any place and who are ready to lay down their lives without hesitation, if it is for his revolutionary ideas.

The loyalty to the Party and the Leader must be manifested not in word but in deed; it must be expressed in the course of the practical struggle for carrying out the Party's lines and policies set forth by him.

We should establish in the Women's Union the revolutionary trait of unconditionally accepting and carrying through to the end the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies. Whenever the Leader's teaching and the Party's policy are made public, the Women's Union organizations must accept them unconditionally, thoroughly explain and bring them home to the women in good time, take concrete measures for their execution and energetically organize and mobilize the entire women to their implementation. There should not be formalism in the fulfilment of the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies and the assigned task be carried through to the end and effectively.

One of the important tasks confronting the Women's Union work is to raise the political and practical levels of the Women's Union cadres.

The Party's leadership over the revolution and construction is carried into effect through the efforts of the cadres and the success in all work is decided by the cadres. Only by firmly building up the ranks of cadres from the class standpoint and preparing them well politically and practically, is it possible to thoroughly implement the Party's lines and policies and score success in all work.

During the period under review, we have built up the ranks of the Women's Union cadres with those who are faithful to the Party and the Leader. But the preparedness of the Women's Union functionaries is generally low in view of the requirements of the Party, and it is failing to keep abreast of the developing realities. At present, the low political and practical levels of the Women's Union functionaries prevent the Women's Union organizations from displaying the independence and creativeness in their work; no small number of Women's Union functionaries barely manage to do what they are asked to, instead of doing their work voluntarily and independently.

The realities are incessantly developing and the general technical and cultural levels of the women of our country are improving with each passing day. Without decisively raising the political and professional levels of the Women's Union functionaries, the work with the masses of the women cannot be done well, nor can the Women's Union work be advanced even a step farther.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"Our reality in which socialist construction has developed onto a high plane and, especially, the ideological revolution has further deepened, requires competent cadres now more than ever before. Only when the cadres themselves are thoroughly revolutionized and firmly prepared politically and practically before anyone else, can they run advanced socialist society properly, guide the ideological revolution correctly, speed up the revolutionization and working-classization of society and meet the great revolutionary event of national reunification in full readiness." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 143.)

We must exert every effort to elevate the political and practical levels of the Women's Union functionaries and thus train in a short span of time all the Women's Union cadres into competent cadres who are boundlessly loyal to the Party and the Leader and are firmly prepared politically and theoretically, technically and practically.

In order to raise the political and practical levels of the cadres, it is necessary to induce them to study hard.

As the Leader taught, studying is the first and foremost task for a revolutionary. Without studying, one cannot advance, nor can she become a genuine revolutionary.

The Women's Union functionaries must study and study hard to become the genuine revolutionary soldiers of the Leader and creditably carry out the revolutionary tasks assigned to them. The Women's Union workers must, under any circumstances, study more than two hours every day and participate, without exception, in the process of collective studies organized by the Party and Women's Union organizations. In this way, all the Women's Union functionaries must study and get acquainted with the Leader's teachings and the Party's policies in wider and deeper dimensions, acquire a deep knowledge on political, economic, cultural, military and all other spheres and be proficient in the work assigned to them.

The Women's Union organizations must strictly establish a trait of studying among the cadres, thoroughly guide and supervise their studies and fight sharply against the practice of neglecting studies. Saturday study circles and lecture meetings for cadres should be normally organized and undertaken on a high level, and all the Women's Union functionaries must, without exception, take part in the one-month training course conducted on a Party-wide scale.

We must send those among the Women's Union cadres who have not undergone systematic education to training institutions of all levels for re-education. We must also establish a proper system of individual education for cadres under which cadres at upper units educate their subordinates at lower units, who, in their turn, educate their subordinates at yet lower units and thus all cadres educate others while getting themselves educated at all times.

Object lessons and education through practice are one of the important methods of improving the qualifications of the cadres. While educating and training the functionaries assiduously through the practical work, we must acquaint them with the methods of work one by one by creating an example and organizing widely the methodological lectures for its generalization.

Another important task facing the Women's Union work is to intensify the organizational life of the Union.

The organizational life of the Women's Union constitutes one of the most important means of increasing its fighting capacity and revolutionizing and working-classizing the women. Only by deepening the organizational life of the Union, can the Women's Union organizations become active and live ones, carry out successfully the revolutionary tasks facing them and train the women politically and ideologically. To tighten the organizational life of the Union is, after all, the master key and starting point in solving all the problems concerning the work of the Women's Union.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"Only by intensifying the organizational life of the working people's organizations, can both ideological remoulding and revolutionization of their members be done well and the line and policy put forth by the Party be carried out creditably."

We must further tighten and develop the organizational life of the Women's Union in the future on the basis of the achievements and experiences gained already in this respect.

What is important of all in strengthening the organizational life of the Women's Union is to increase among its members a sense of honour in leading it. The organizational life of the Women's Union is the political life and revolutionary activities of the Women's Union members. The Women's Union members participate in the socio-political life and continue their political life through the organizational life of the Women's Union. The Women's Union organizations are called upon to bring home to the Women's Union members that the organizational life of the Union is just the political activities and political life, so that each of them may bear deep in mind a sense of pride and honour in being a member of the Women's Union organization founded by the respected and beloved Leader and participate consciously in the organizational life of the Union. The Women's Union members must set store by the political life like the Women's Association members who were true to the revolutionary organizational life in the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and must strive hard to participate faithfully in the organizational life of the Union according to the norm of the Women's Union life.

It is one of the basic ways and means conducing to the tightening of the organizational life of the Women's Union to correctly organize the work of giving assignments to the Women's Union members. The Women's Union organizations must organize well·the work of giving assignments to their members with main stress laid on the thorough establishment of the unitary ideological system of the Party among the women and on their revolutionization and working-classization. The Women's Union organizations must provide all the Women's Union members with the assignments with due regard to their preparedness and characteristics, help in every way their implementation and sum up the results when the given tasks are carried out and give new ones, thereby making all the Women's Union members be always on the move and struggle to carry out the tasks given by the Union organizations.

The Women's Union organizations must pay deep attention to the review of Women's Union life and meetings so that they may be carried on properly. The Women's Union organizations must help all their members to make a custom of reviewing their organizational life of their own accord and, at the same time, carry on the review of their Union life every month with full preparation and hold the Union meetings on a high politico-ideological level.

What is especially important in the organizational life of the Union is to intensify criticism. Criticism is the weapon of the ideological struggle and the motive power for progress in work. Only by intensifying criticism can the shortcomings manifested among the women be remedied in time and the work of the Women's Union developed uninterruptedly on a wholesome basis.

The practice of criticism, however, is now very much weakened in the organizational life of the Women's Union. No small number of women are reluctant to accept criticism and afraid of offering it on others. To dislike criticism and fear to offer criticism is the expression of petty-bourgeois ideology. We must do away with such wrong ideological viewpoint on criticism and see that the organizational life of the Women's Union should be led in an atmosphere of strong criticism.

In order to intensify criticism within the Women's Union it is necessary to make all its members take the principled attitude towards criticism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"Criticism should, in all circumstances, be such

as to deliver comrades and cement unity; it should on no account be criticism for criticism's sake. In making criticism, one must not try to shift the responsibility for one's own fault onto others, to take vengeance for his being criticized, place political stigmas on others at random or to reprimand the criticized peremptorily." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 81.)

The Women's Union organizations must educate the women in such a spirit of principled criticism, thereby creating an atmosphere of revolutionary criticism in the Women's Union. In this way we must see to it that all women should wage an uncompromising struggle against wrong phenomena in good time and temper themselves politically and ideologically and revolutionize themselves through the practice of criticism.

In order to strengthen the organizational life of the Women's Union the role of the primary Women's Union organizations should be enhanced. A primary Women's Union organization is a combat unit directly executing the Party's policies among the women and the basic organization of the Women's Union to which every Women's Union member belongs and in which she leads her organizational life. We must firmly build up the nuclei of the primary Women's Union organizations and enhance their role so that all of them may skilfully conduct work with their members.

At the same time, the work of the Women's Union committees at all levels should be strengthened. The Women's Union committees must set right the system of guiding the organizational life of the Union and make organized efforts to give a more effective guidance to its members' organizational life.

The Women's Union must strive actively to further enhance the role of the women in the state and social life.

The women's movement is not one estranged from the social life but it forms a link in the general social movement. Therefore, the work of the Women's Union and all the activities of women must be linked up with the general social life and directed to the development of the general social movement. Our aim of strengthening the inner work of the Union is, after all, to push ahead with our revolutionary struggle and construction work more vigorously by enhancing the role of the women in the state and social life.

In the past period, the role of the women in the state and social life has risen markedly but it still falls far short of the Party's demand. Not a few women are still kept homebound and even the women who have entered the public life cannot work as well as men. At present, the sphere of women's activity is not so broad, well-known public figures are small in number among our women and there are not many women masters and doctors.

We must decisively enhance the role of women in all spheres of the state and social life and thus develop the women's movement of our country to a higher stage and help women to fulfil a larger share in the revolution and construction.

The key to raising the women's position and role in the state and social life is to make all the women advance into society and take an active part in socialist construction and public activity.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"....The women can keep up with the ever-developing realities only by going out into the world and taking part in labour. If women are confined indoors, they cannot learn anything at all and, accordingly, they will gradually fall behind farther." ("On the Work of the Women's Union," English ed., pp. 41-42.)

The position and role of people in our society today depend on how greatly they have contributed to the revolutionary struggle and constructive work. As long as women stay at home, they cannot rid themselves of the position of bringing up children and attending on their husbands, even if they were guaranteed by law the equal rights with men and their personality respected socially. Only when women advance into society and actively participate in the revolution and construction, can they enjoy the equal position with men substantially in public life, fully perform the role they should play and raise their social status continuously.

The Women's Union organizations must see to it that all of women should launch forth in public life and play more important part in the revolution and construction and that the sphere of their activity be expanded further in the state and social life. Women must actively take part in the socialist economic construction of the country and devote all their energies and talents to it. And those women who are staying at home must be enrolled in the domestic workteams and work to the best of their ability. Particularly, more women must advance into the realms of science, education, culture, public health and public service and perform a decisive role in these fields. We must see that more renowned public figures including masters, doctors, merited teachers, merited physicians, merited actresses and people's actresses are produced among women.

In order to actively draw the women into the public life, and enhance their role in the state and social life, it is necessary to uproot thoroughly the remnants of obsolete ideologies in the minds of women. The Women's Union organizations must resolutely oppose such a wrong phenomenon observed among women as to be inclined to live an easy life by favour of their husbands and such an erroneous ideological viewpoint as to think that after they get married they should be kept at home. Especially, we must wage a sharp struggle against such a phenomenon that those women who have received higher education prefer to a careless life thinking that they cannot expect their advance nor can they perform a great role in society once they get married.

Thanks to the deep solicitude of the Party and the Leader, today the women of our country are provided with all conditions where every woman can take up an occupation, work without inconvenience, learn to her heart's content and make progress steadily. The Women's Union organizations must conduct the organizational and political work well among the women so that all women may work in work places and study hard.

While drawing women into public life, the Women's Union organizations must pay deep attention to educating women in the spirit of working sincerely with a sense of pride in their occupation. Today there is no reputable occupation nor mean one in our society. Every work place in our society is an important revolutionary post and every work in which our working people are engaged is an honourable, worthwhile work of revolution. We must intensify ideological education among women to make all of them regard their work as an honourable thing and devote all their energies and talents to their work with a determination to dedicate their whole life in the post assigned by the Party. In this way, we must further enhance the status and role of women in the state and social life and help them to make an active contribution to our revolutionary struggle and constructive work.

In order to carry out its tasks successfully, the Women's Union must improve its method and style of work uninterruptedly.

The Women's Union is the revolutionary, political organization of the working women of our country. Therefore, the essence of the work method of the Women's Union should be political work, work with men, and the Women's Union organizations and functionaries should not give themselves only to the shock campaign and the administrative and economic work but take hold of the inner work of the Union as its main task. The Women's Union organizations must exert main efforts to the inner work of the Union, the work of firmly building up the ranks of cadres and rallying all the women around the Party and the Leader by educating and remoulding them.

The Women's Union organizations must establish a revolutionary tone of work in which they allocate work and then check up its fulfilment and sum up the results in good time. One of the principal defects in the Union work at present is that checking up and summing up are not done in time after work is organized. Therefore, though a great deal of work is organized by the Women's Union organizations, most of the work are not carried out smoothly. The Women's Union organizations must thoroughly do away with such a formalistic method of work and do a work substantially by the method of annihilation by which one buckles down to the work already arranged, carries it through to the end with persistence and, then, arranges another work.

The Chongsan-ri spirit and Chongsan-ri method should be thoroughly embodied in the work of the Women's Union.

The Chongsan-ri spirit and Chongsan-ri method is the embodiment and development of the revolutionary mass line of our Party in conformity with the new reality of socialist construction. The Chongsan-ri method is a revolutionary method of work by which functionaries carry out the assigned revolutionary tasks with success by enhancing their political and business qualifications and bringing into full play the energies and talents of the masses.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, taught as follows:

"The essence of the Chongsan-ri method is that the higher body helps the lower, and the superior assists those under him and always goes down to the work places in order to have a good grasp of actual conditions and find correct solutions to problems, gives priority to political work, work with people in all undertakings and enlists the conscious enthusiasm and initiative of the masses so as to ensure the fulfilment of revolutionary tasks." (Kim Il Sung, Selected Works, Vol. IV, English ed., p. 312.)

The Women's Union organizations must put an end to the bureaucratic style of work of issuing orders and roaring commands at lower organs and establish a tone of work in which the functionaries of higher organs personally go down to the lower units to give substantial assistance to their subordinates. The Centre must help the provinces, the provinces the counties, and the functionaries of the counties must go down constantly to primary organizations and help the primary workers in their work in a responsible way. All the functionaries of the Women's Union must go down among the working women and develop the Union work further in depth, while working together with them.

It is an essential demand of the Chongsan-ri method to give precedence to political work so as to steadily enhance the political awakening of the masses and lead them to carry out their revolutionary tasks of their own accord. In fulfilling any revolutionary task, the Women's Union organizations must make a point of fully explaining and disseminating the teachings of the Leader and policies of the Party among the entire women so that they can be voluntarily enlisted in carrying it out with a high degree of revolutionary enthusiasm.

Besides, the Women's Union organizations must energetically push ahead with the organizational and ideological work of the Union by the revolutionary method whereby one person rouses ten to activity, ten persons a hundred and a hundred persons a thousand, and thus putting the whole Union and all women into action, by giving precedence to political work.

Comrades,

The KDWU and our women are faced with a sacred revolutionary task to give an active support to the struggle of the south Korean people and women against U.S. imperialism and its hirelings and for freedom and liberation and the reunification of the country.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, taught as follows:

"All the people in the northern half of the Republic bear the great responsibility of carrying the south Korean revolution to a conclusion, giving active support to the struggle of the south Korean people, keeping up with their exalted fighting spirit." (Kim Il Sung, Selected Works, Vol. IV, English ed., p. 564.)

The occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their colonial fascist rule there have brought immeasurably great miseries and sufferings to the south Korean people and women.

Under the despotic rule of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges—landlords, capitalists and reactionary bureaucrats—and under the fetters of the corrupt feudal customs, today the south Korean women are suffering from double and treble oppression and exploitation and all sorts of humiliation and maltreatment. In south Korean society, women are not only denied any political rights but also deprived of even rudimentary freedom and right to existence, and groan under unemployment and poverty. Particularly, due to the bestial outrage, rape and homicidal atrocity committed by the U.S. imperialist aggression army ensconced in south Korea, the south Korean women cannot feel easy even for a moment and are living in constant suspense and their miseries and sufferings are growing from bad to worse.

The U.S. imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique are drawing into south Korea again our people's sworn enemy, the Japanese militarists revived under the aegis of U.S. imperialism. This spells a new, grave danger of misfortune to the south Korean people and women.

However, with no desperate manoeuvrings can the enemy bring the south Korean women to their knees. The south Korean women today are not the women of Korea yesterday who were obedient to the aggressors and oppressors. Through experiences in their life, the south Korean women have come to realize that as long as the colonial rule of U.S. imperialism remains in south Korea, the status of women cannot be changed at all and that only by driving out U.S. imperialism from south Korea and overthrowing its stooges, can they gain genuine freedom, emancipation and equality. And they have valiantly turned out in the sacred revolutionary struggle against the enemies.

Upholding the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader, today many women revolutionaries and patriotic women in south Korea are courageously fighting various forms of anti-U.S., anti-Japanese and anti-puppet struggles in the teeth of the brutal suppression of the enemies, dealing heavy blows at them. The struggle of the south Korean women is a just struggle to realize their national and social emancipation and take back genuine freedom and equality and a patriotic struggle to attain the independent reunification of the country.

I, on behalf of the entire women of the northern half of the Republic, extend my warm, militant greetings to the south Korean women who are bravely fighting for the freedom and emancipation of women and for the victory of the south Korean revolution and the reunification of the country in defiance of harsh fascist suppression by the enemies, and render active support and encouragement to their just struggle.

The south Korean women must get rid of their present misfortunes and hardships at the earliest date and become to enjoy a happy and worthwhile life to the full in the warm bosom of the Leader, like the women in the northern half of the Republic. In order to bring earlier the day of victory and glory the south Korean women must continue to fight tirelessly against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

For the present, the south Korean women must wage a gallant struggle to win democratic freedom and rights under the further uplifted banner of struggle against fascism and for democratization and smash determinedly the fascist suppression of the progressive women and people by the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen. Along with this, the south Korean women must oppose all sorts of the brutal atrocities and national insult by the U.S. imperialist aggressors and must wage a resolute struggle to crush the south Korean reinvasion scheme of the Japanese militarists who have an illusion of making the south Korean people and women their slaves once again.

It is the common national task of the women in north and south Korea to fight against the U.S. and Japanese imperialists and for the independent reunification of the country.

The women in the northern half of the Republic must exert all their efforts to giving active support and encouragement to the south Korean women in their anti-U.S., anti-Japanese and anti-puppet struggle. And they must always keep themselves in a strained posture and work and live in a militant way with a firm revolutionary determination to deliver the south Korean women from the wretched plight of colonial slavery at an early date. In order to further strengthen the northern half of the Republic, the powerful base of the Korean revolution, politically, economically and militarily, all our Women's Union members and women must devote all their wisdom and talents on all fronts of economic construction and defence upbuilding.

Very arduous is the struggle of the south Korean people and women against the U.S. and Japanese imperialists and their stooges. However, upholding the great strategic policy of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, on the south Korean revolution and the country's reunification, they will further expand their ranks, continually develop their struggle and gain a brilliant victory under the active support and encouragement of the people in the northern half of the Republic and the progressive people throughout the world.

Today, under the rays of the great *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, the Democratic Union of Korean Women in Japan and the entire Korean women in Japan are actively fighting to defend democratic national rights and hasten the independent reunification of the country. During the past period, the DUKWJ intensified among the Korean women in Japan the study of the Leader's works of genius and his glorious and brilliant revolutionary history and widely conducted a mass movement to learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok. As a result, a great success has been made in the work of establishing the Party's unitary ideological system and revolutionizing women and their families. At present, the DUKWJ under the guidance of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan is rallying the entire Korean women in Japan firmly around the Leader and is creditably organizing and mobilizing them to the implementation of the decision adopted at the 9th Congress of the GAKRJ to carry out the programmatic tasks put forth by the Leader in the report to the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

I, on behalf of this Congress, extend my warm support and encouragement to the DUKWJ and the Korean women in Japan in their struggle, and send warm revolutionary greetings to the entire 600,000 Korean nationals in Japan.

3. FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORLD PROGRESSIVE WOMEN

Comrades,

During the period under review, the Korean Democratic Women's Union has carried on its foreign activities strictly in line with the teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, on strengthening the solidarity with the international revolutionary forces. The KDWU has actively supported the progressive women and people of the world in their struggle, always standing firm by them, and vigorously waged the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle together with them. We have also endeavoured to exchange each other's experiences in the women's movement with the progressive women's organizations in many countries of the world, increase mutual contacts and intercourse and strengthen the ties of friendship and solidarity with them.

Today we have numerous friends and comrades-in-arms throughout the world. The militant solidarity between the KDWU and the democratic women's organizations of the world, between the Korean women and the world progressive women, is strengthening and developing with each passing day. A large number of progressive women's organizations and women of the world are now giving their active support and encouragement to our revolutionary cause and expressing their militant solidarity with us.

I, on behalf of the entire Korean women, extend my deep thanks to women's organizations and women in many countries of the world for their active support and encouragement to the revolutionary struggle of our people and women.

Today we are living in an era of great struggle, an era of revolutionary change in which an acute class struggle is being waged on an international scale and all the revolutionary people and women of the world are energetically turning out in the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle.

Amidst the fierce struggle being unfolded on a world-wide scale between socialism and imperialism, between the forces of revolution and the forces of counter-revolution, the imperialist forces of aggression are falling into decay and ruin and the socialist, democratic and peace-loving forces are steadily growing in scope and strength.

The revolutionary struggle is fierce particularly in the vast continents of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Just in these areas, the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists are meeting with a strong resistance of the revolutionary people and women and are being dealt the severest blow.

Under the uplifted banner of anti-U.S. struggle for national salvation the Indo-Chinese people and women are now valiantly fighting to smash the U.S. imperialist aggressors. The heroic Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian women and people, firmly united, are heavily smiting the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges, giving them no breathing space and frustrating the "New Asia Policy" of U.S. imperialism.

The Palestinian people and other Arab peoples and women are continuing their heroic armed struggle against U.S. imperialism and its stooges, the Israeli aggressors.

The patriots in many countries of Africa including Angola, Mozambique, Guinea (Bissau) and Zimbabwe are vigorously fighting, arms in hand, to put an end to colonialism; they are winning greater war results as days go by.

The fierce flames of armed struggle against U.S. imperialism are flaring up in Latin America, too. Peoples and women in Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela and other countries in this area are putting up a valiant armed struggle against U.S. imperialism and pro-American dictatorial regimes. Today the U.S. imperialists have become unable to find a "sabbatical place" even in Latin America which they have regarded as their "quiet backyard."

The revolutionary struggle of the popular masses headed by the working class is developing in capitalist countries and more and more peace-loving people and women of the world are joining their voices against the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war.

The policies of aggression and suppression pursued by the U.S. imperialists are rejected even by the people and women of the United States. Today in the United States, the anti-war movement of the people and women opposed to the war policy and suppressive manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism is assuming a mass character and the struggle of the working people for freedom and class emancipation is growing and the violent advance of the Negroes against the racial discrimination is gaining in strength. Such a struggle waged by the American people and women is severely shaking the foundations of U.S. imperialist rule.

Internal contradictions grow intenser in the imperialist ruling circles and the discord among the imperialist powers is becoming aggravated. The U.S. imperialists are hit hard at home and abroad and driven into a tighter corner.

Today the general international situation is developing in favour of socialism and the revolutionary forces and to the disadvantage of imperialism and the reactionary forces. The steady growth of the revolutionary forces of the world and the strengthening and development of the revolutionary struggle of the people and women—this is the irresistible basic trend of our time, and the complete downfall of imperialism is an inexorable law of the development of history.

However, the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists do not want to recede from the arena of history of their own accord. As their doomsday is approaching, the imperialists are all the more resorting to aggression and war and desperately working to find a way out of them.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, taught as follows:

"With the invariable aim of dominating the whole world, U.S. imperialism is stretching out its crooked hands of aggression to all continents, all regions and all countries of the world, be it Asia or the Near and Middle East, Africa or Latin America, Europe or Oceania and big or small countries, and is maliciously challenging the cause of peace and democracy, national independence and socialism." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 115.)

The aggression and war moves of the U.S. imperialists have become more intensified with each passing day. The U.S. imperialists are committing aggressive acts against the socialist countries and the national independent states by force of arms, brutally suppressing the revolutionary struggle of the people and disturbing peace in all parts of the world.

While frantically pursuing the "policy of strength," the U.S. imperialists are ballyhooing about the so-called "peace strategy," putting up the ostensible signboards of "peace" and "negotiations." These days the Nixon clique, the fascist war-maniacs, are trying to make believe that they have given up the policy of aggression and war, clamouring that they will go over from the "era of confrontation" to the "era of negotiation." But this is nothing but a most crafty and sinister artifice to hide their true colours as aggressors before the world people and to realize more effectively their ambitions for invasion of other countries.

All facts show that the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists has not changed and that their aggressive manoeuvres are becoming intenser day by day. As they get into hot water, the U.S. imperialists are doggedly resorting to the "two-faced tactics" of carrying an olive in one hand and wielding bayonet in the other, and are intensifying aggression and war manoeuvres with more cunning and atrocious methods.

The aggressive machinations of the U.S. imperialists have reached the extreme in Asia today.

The U.S. imperialists are directing the spearhead of aggression to Asia and making frenzied efforts to stifle the socialist forces and the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle and prop up their tottering colonial rule in this area. They are scheming to materialize their aggressive designs on Asia mainly by means of "making Asians fight Asians" with the mobilization of Japanese militarism and other satellite countries and puppets in Asia in accordance with the notorious "Nixon doctrine."

The U.S. imperialists have hurled hundreds of thousands of their own troops into Indo-China and, at the same time, drawn into it their mercenaries in Asia and Indo-China and continue their criminal war of aggression against the Vietnamese people under the signboard of the "Vietnamization" of the war and are further expanding and strengthening their aggression in Laos and Cambodia.

The U.S. imperialists' manoeuvrings for aggression and a new war in Korea are getting intensified with each passing day. The U.S. imperialists are reinforcing mass destruction weapons behind the screen of the farce of the "reduction of the U.S. troops" occupying Korea, while further increasing and modernizing the south Korean puppet army and perpetrating military provocations almost every day in the areas along the Military Demarcation Line. The U.S. imperialists' manoeuvrings for aggression and a new war in Korea have already reached a grave stage, and a dangerous situation is being created in our country in which a war may break out at any moment.

Due to the aggressive and war machinations of the U.S. imperialists, the situation in Asia is getting extremely tense and the universal peace is being gravely menaced. U.S. imperialism is the most heinous and shameless aggressor of modern times, the chieftain of world reaction and the prime common enemy of the peoples and women of the whole world.

To fight more resolutely against the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war and concentrate the spearhead of attack on the U.S. imperialists is the most pressing task set before the whole peoples and women of the world at present. Without struggling against the U.S. imperialists, the victory of the cause of peace and democracy, national independence and socialism cannot be achieved, nor can the freedom and emancipation of women be realized.

The women of the socialist countries and all the progressive women of the world should wage a more powerful struggle against the U.S. imperialists.

The progressive women of the world should render more active support and encouragement to the Vietnamese and other Indo-Chinese peoples and women in their sanguinary struggle for freedom, liberation and national independence and fight resolutely to curb and frustrate the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war in Asia. The peoples and women of the revolutionary countries in Asia in particular should further strengthen the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. united front to wage a vigorous joint struggle against U.S. imperialism and frustrate its stratagem to make Asians fight Asians.

In order to defeat the U.S. imperialists, all the peoples and women of the revolutionary and fighting countries should deal blows at the U.S. imperialist aggressors and tear limbs off them everywhere in the world. When the peoples and women of all countries making revolution attack U.S. imperialism from all sides and join in mutilating it, it will become impotent and bite the dust in the end.

The Korean Democratic Women's Union and our women will continue to fight resolutely against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and render positive support and encouragement to all the women and peoples of the world in their struggle against the U.S. imperialists.

It is very important to fight, while opposing U.S. imperialism, against its allies, the Japanese militarists in particular.

Under the active patronage of the U.S. imperialists, the Japanese militarists have revived and already made their appearance as a dangerous force of aggression menacing peace in Asia and the world.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, taught as follows:

"The history of crimes committed by the Japanese militarists against the Asian peoples and all humanity is still fresh in the memory of peoples.

"And this crime-woven history of the Japanese militarists is repeating today. The aggressive nature of Japanese militarism remains unchanged and will never change." ("Report on the Work of the Central Committee to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea," English ed., p. 121.)

The crafty Japanese militarists who had been historically accustomed to invade other countries with the backing of big powers have now embarked again upon the road of overseas expansion, availing themselves of the U.S. imperialists' Asian strategy and are running amuck in a reckless attempt to realize their old dream of the "Greater East Asia Coprosperity Sphere."

The Japanese reactionaries are intensifying their economic and cultural infiltration into Asian, African and Latin-American countries and knavishly scheming to strangle the anti-imperialist struggle of the people. In their foreign aggression the Japanese militarists are, above all, stepping up the manoeuvrings for the renewed invasion of our country to conquer Korea and use it as a springboard for aggression on other Asian countries. They have already begun creeping into south Korea and declared the Democratic People's Republic of Korea a zone of operation, raving about the "sphere of defence within a radius of 1,000 sea miles around Tokyo," and are frantically conducting large-scale military exercises in the areas similar in climatic and geographical conditions to our country. The Japanese militarists are also taking an active part in the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression against the Chinese people and faithfully serving U.S. imperialism as a "shock force" for its Asian aggression.

The struggle against the Japanese militarists is a struggle to safeguard peace in Asia and the world and a link in the chain of struggles for thwarting the Asian policy of the U.S. imperialists. All the progressive peoples and women of the world should positively support the struggle of the Japanese people and women against the rearmament of Japanese militarism and its policy of overseas expansion and resolutely fight against its aggressive manoeuvres in all parts of the world. In this way, they should decidedly baffle the revival of Japanese militarism and the reactionary U.S.-Japan collusion and thwart its aggressive ambition.

The Korean women will fight against Japanese militarism to the end in close unity with the women of Japan and China and all other revolutionary women of Asia.

Our women, together with all our people, will foil the manoeuvres of renewed invasion by the Japanese militarists and the war machinations of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and firmly defend the independence of the country and the eastern outpost of socialism.

Comrades, the revolutionary struggle of the Korean people and women is a part of the common struggle of the peoples and women of the whole world for peace and democracy, national independence and socialism and the Korean women's movement is a component part of the international women's movement.

Therefore, the KDWU, while fighting for the development of the Korean women's movement, struggles for the development of the international women's movement, and gives active support and encouragement to the revolutionary struggle of the peoples and women of all countries of the world. We regard it as an internationalist duty and spare nothing to that end.

The KDWU and the Korean women extend resolute support to the just struggle of the women and peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia who are fighting heroically against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and express militant solidarity with them.

The Korean women actively support the fraternal Chinese people and women in their just struggle against the aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. and

Japanese imperialists and for liberating Taiwan, their inviolable territory.

The women of our country positively support the Japanese women and all other women and peoples of Asia in their struggle against the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism and the revival of Japanese militarism.

Our women render resolute support and encouragement to the Palestinian people and all other Arab peoples and women in their struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, the Israeli aggressors.

The Korean women express active support to and militant solidarity with the African peoples and women fighting valiantly for freedom and liberation and for the consolidation of the national independence and the creation of a new life.

We resolutely support the heroic struggle of the fraternal Cuban women and people who are successfully building socialism, smashing the aggressive machinations of U.S. imperialism in the Western Hemisphere and positively support the revolutionary struggle of all the peoples and women in Latin America against U.S. imperialism and pro-U.S. dictatorial regimes.

We extend warm fraternal greetings to the peoples and women of the socialist countries and wish them greater success in their struggle for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism.

Our women's support goes to the struggle of the women and peoples in the capitalist countries who are fighting against the exploitation and oppression by capital and for freedom and liberation.

The Korean women will always stand firmly on the side of the women and peoples fighting against imperialism and colonialism and for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

The KDWU and our women must make positive efforts to increase the ranks of the revolutionary comrades and international friends who are expressing active support to and sympathy with the revolutionary cause of our people and to strengthen the friendship and solidarity with them.

Today our country has good relations with many countries in the world and promotes the relations of friendship and co-operation with them. Our women must actively endeavour to further strengthen the friendship and solidarity with the progressive women's organizations and women of those countries which have good relations with our country and, then, to develop the relations of friendship and co-operation with the progressive women of all countries of the world. The KDWU must take an active part in all the progressive activities of the Women's International Democratic Federation and strive to develop its relations with more international democratic organizations. Thus, we must create more favourable international conditions for thoroughly isolating the U.S. and Japanese imperialists and their lackeys in the international arena and for accomplishing the independent reunification of the country.

For the healthy development of the international women's movement and the attainment of its goal, we must strengthen the international solidarity with the world women and, at the same time, uplift the banner of struggle against imperialism, U.S. imperialism in particular.

The Korean women, together with the progressive women all over the world, will more resolutely fight against U.S. imperialism and make strenuous efforts to strengthen the unity in the international women's movement. We will resolutely reject all sorts of machinations to renounce the struggle with imperialism and weaken the international solidarity among the women.

The KDWU and the Korean women, holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the revolutionary banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, will continue to fight staunchly against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism and for the triumph of the common cause of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism in unity with the women of the socialist countries, in unity with the fighting women in Asia, Africa and Latin America and in firm unity with all the progressive women of the world.

Comrades,

During the period under review, the KDWU has traversed a glorious path of victory under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

The KDWU, which inherits the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party, has been further strengthened and developed organizationally and ideologically and the women's movement in our country has advanced onto a new high plane. The unitary ideological system of the Party has been thoroughly established in the whole Union, from the Central Committee of the KDWU to the primary organizations, and the unity and cohesion of the ranks of the Women's Union have been strengthened and the well-regulated system of work has been firmly established.

All the brilliant victories and successes won by the Women's Union in the past period are entirely attributable to the wise leadership and deep solicitude of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and the valuable fruition borne by his great *Juche* idea and the invincible vitality of his theory on the women's movement. All these victories and achievements will be splendidly recorded in the history of the women's movement of our country and in the history of the revolutionary struggle of our people.

Today our women and people are confronted with the weighty yet honourable tasks to hasten the complete triumph of socialism and the nation-wide victory of the revolution by carrying out the magnificent programme set forth at the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. Our Women's Union and women, upholding the magnificent programme of socialist construction put forward at the Party Congress, must wage a vigorous struggle with a continuous display of unusual energy and devotion and march forward faster, surmounting all hardships.

Our victory is certain and the future of our women is brilliant. We have the wise leadership of

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, who always leads our revolution steadfastly along the one road of victory and glory, and we have his great *Juche* idea which illumines the road ahead of us like a beacon. The women and peoples of the countries making revolution are supporting us and the progressive people of the whole world are standing on our side.

The KDWU and women will advance unswervingly following the Leader with a single-hearted devotion and carry out without fail all the revolutionary tasks given by the Leader.

Victory and glory will always go with our women and people who are advancing, holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism, the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea, under the wise guidance of the Leader.

Let us all unite firmly around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our people, and march forward vigorously towards the ultimate victory of our revolution and the bright future of socialism and communism, holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism, the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea.